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# Studies in Truth and Life

# 'TRADITIONS' AND FALLACIES

THROW OPEN THE SHUTTERS
THAT LIGHT MAY ENTER!

\* "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES" - said the Christ - "for ---THEY TESTIFY OF ME" - but "YE WILL NOT COME TO ME
THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE!" - JESUS, John 5:39 - 40

So few people today are willing to TRULY SEARCH the sacred writings! Some are too busy ("with the cares of this world"), others are too mentally lazy; some fear that they are not mentally and spiritually qualified for the task, while still others tremble before a long-frocked caste whom they believe to be the sole appointees for the STUDY, and for the "interpretation" and ministering of His Word ...... Are not His words TRUE today? Does not God's Word testify of Him, and unto TRUTH? But how many of you are truly WILLING (and anxious) to COME UNTO HIM thru His word - that you might have LIFE? But instead you kowtow to a clique "with an ax to grind" - thinking that THRU THEM and their tactics in mediaeval witchery you shall find LIFE in an unknown realm of an uncertain tomorrow! (Well may angels we epover the blind folly of stupid man!)

Would you expect to learn all the true facts about the harmful effect of narcotics from a dope peddler? Or all the evils of liquor from a distiller? Or the deep seated dangers of nicotine from a large tobacco company? NOT IF YOU ARE IN YOUR RIGHT MIND! Then why be such a 'dithering dope' as to imagine that TRUTH IN ITS FULNESS you will ever learnfrom the clique whose position and livelihood is FULLY DEPENDENT ONTHE ADHER-ANCE TO SPECIFIED 'DOGMA' LAID DOWN BY DREAMERS IN THE NIGHT OF SPIRITUAL DARKNESS (predicted by the Christ: Jhm 9:4)? Therefore said He: "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE!" It is A COMMAND! And the more you depend on any specific group WHICH IS COMMITTED TO UPHOLD THE DOGMA OF A SPECIFIC CHURCH, the greater your failure and the more you are to blame! But comes the retort: "Are THEY not the holy a m d

consecrated servants of the Living God? Can we not depend on them?" -- Positively not! They can NOT be depended on! All of them may be 'consecrated' (by man), and all of them may be 'servants'....But FEW of them are holy; all of them are humans, and because of 'an ax to grind' none of them fully dependable! If TRUTH you want, either you must SEARCH IT OUT FOR YOURS-ELF (which may take you most of an arduous lifetime), or else you must find someone FULLY INDEPENDENT OF CLIQUES AND CASTES; who presents the evidence of a commission from God. To such a one lend an ear. Perhaps he will not (can not) lead you into ALL Truth, yet he can open your eyes to much. And TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE!

Lest you think that some of the above is an oblique broadside against any specific church or denomination, let me make statements more clear:

Only last evening I was conversing with a fine Christian woman brot up in a strict Christian home where 'sulphur and brimstone ' was belched 'forever'! She told me of her non-too-well-educated grandfather when despairing of life on his deathbed. He had made out no will. Knowing his own lack of strength and capacity to do things right and well, he concluded to call in one IN WHOM H E COULD PLACE IMPLICIT FAITH..... So he called in his well known friend and minister: the rector of the Anglican church to which he belonged. According to his expressed wishes the will was written (he hoped). And when concluded, the dying man mustered enuf strength to sign the document... Soon he was dead.... THEN did the bereaved widow and relatives find that \$17,000. had been signed away for the personal use of the very 'reverend gentleman' who had written the will. It was a sum entirely out of reason and proportion to the estate. It was fought in courts - without avail.... And in those years of about 1914-15, \$17,000. was not exactly a paltry sum!

Some would say: What could we expect from one of that church? Which one is YOURS? Maybe it is 'the mother of HARLOTS' which has made herself 'drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus' (Rev 17:5-6), which made herself a queen to 'reign over the kings of the earth'? Are you afraid to SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE lest you see the blasphemy of her LIES? Are you afraid to look to the bloodsoaked pages of history to trace her infamous and gory march of slaughter and persecution. Are you afraid to read the sure accounts of the arch enemy

to Truth and Goodness in her ruthless surge to POWER?, Are you afraid that some pet idol of yours would topple should you dare to uncover the facts? Have you ever gone to the office of some 'scandel sheet' to ask for a bird's eye view of their copy of COURT RECORDS, of how priests have attacked and raped women of their faith, and sometimes of their own congregation? True 'records' of actual 'cases' tried in courts, but which our daily Press dare not print (for very good reasons in the interest of the 'almighty dollar') !.... Or maybe YOU are on some 'halleluiah bandwagon', driven so mad with parrot gibberish that all your senses have been closed to TRUTH? Eves blinded to the fakery of alleged 'cures'; ears deaf to the countless repudiations of claimed 'healings'; your God-given reason closed to the discern ang of infantile jargon spewed in the name of 'tongues'? 'AWA-KE, OH SLEEPER'; COME TO YOUR SENSES, and "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE" to the end that YOU MAY APPROACH UNTO THE LIVING CHRIST, IN DISCERNMENT OF TRUTH, AND I N THE SURE KNOWLEDGE OF A SUPERABUNDANT AND ENDLESS SPRINGING UP FROM THE FOUNTAIN-DEPTHS OF GOD. LIFE: OVERFLOWING WITH BEAUTY, PEACE, GOODNESS AND JOY! (OUR FATHER IS NO PAUPER; NEITHER OUR SAVIOR A MISER!) WHEREFORE, "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES" and "ENTER INTO THE JOYS OF THY LORD"!

Before I commence to deal with specific problems posed by students, I wish to deal with a few Scripture passages being sore griefs to me over a period of time: mistranslations deliberately injected TO SET FORTH DOGMA rather than the Truth of God's Word; and maybe another or two due to plain stupidity...

The Greek 'Aion' (meaning a long but LIMITED era of time) which has been rendered 'for ever, eternal, everlasting' etc., has previously been dealt with. So here I wish to draw your attention to the Greek word "KRISIS" - with its various endings. It links with THOT, ANALYSIS AND DEDUCTION BASED ON FACTS; JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT. But the hate inspired DOGMA-spewers where

- \* ich translated the original Greek, have invariably rendered th-
- \* is word 'damnation'! As we use and understand the word to-
- \* day, it has nothing to do with JUSTICE and JUDGMENT (t h e
- \* weighing of facts), and the meting out of a fair sentence, but rather the ruthless sweep of a mad gesture, without thot, concern or JUDGMENT: the ABSOLUTE CONDEMNATION (without judgment) TO INDESCRIBABLE TORMENT, TIME WITHOUT END. Language reeking with sulphur and brimstone, dotted with molten lava,

emitted from theological skullcaps, has graphed such monstrous entity, foisting it on the credulous, unlearned masses in the name of "God"! Here follows a few actual citations: "--hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of ETERNAL DAMNATION." (Mk3:29) The verbatim Greek with factual translation of the vital portions are: "--ouk-echei" (hot has') forgiveness 'eis ton aiona' ('to the eon'), but is liable to 'aioniou kriseos' ('age-lasting judgment')... Observe also how the simple negative 'oukechei' (=has not) the devil twisted to 'has NEVER' in order to agree with and bolster t h e 'eternal damnation' lie..... We need only turn back a page or so to Mk 2:12 where we find a justified rendering to 'never.' And the Greek word? It is oudepote.' Are the words the same? Well hardly! Except for their basic negative "ou". 'And they that have done evil unto the resurrection of DAMNATION.' (Jhn 5:29) In the Greek we read: "--eis anastasin kriseos." ("to a resurrection of Judgment")..... We could turn to a different type of passage which they have rendered correctly, i.e. "Ye JUDGE after the flesh; I JUDGE no man. And yet if I JUDGE, my JUDGMENT is true ---"(Ihn 8:15-16.) Here in the original Greek we find precisely the same basic word "krisis" and its variants for case. For your own enlightenment (?), substitute "damn" and "damnation" for IUDGE and IUDGMENT in the above, and see how wonderfully it reads ! ..... I have also checked such passages as Mtt 23:14; Mk 16:16; Rom 3:8, 13:2; II Thes 2:12 and II Ptr 2:3-4, and find in ALL instances the use of the basic Greek JUDGE-root "kri", as in KRIsis, KRIma, KRIsin, KRIthosin, etc. As yet I have come across no instance in the Greek Scripture where the word is the equivalent of our "damnation"!

"IF I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true" (!)-Jhm 5:31. This I consider a truly abominable rendering. But it may have been rendered thus thru plain stupidity. We must bear in mind that the early Greek had no punctuations whatever; no, not even the separation of words, but penned in one solid mass of capitals, without chapter or verse. Can we believe in THE CHRIST and still postulate that whatever He said about Himself was but PURE FABRICATION? How abominable! In 8:14,18 He states very much the opposite: "tho I bear record of myself MY RECORDISTRUE" Wherefore, we have but to use the slightest portion of intelligence to realize that 5:31 requires the QUESTIONMARK, making it read: "If I bear witness of myself, is not my witness true?" Altho the Greek has not the preceding ORDER OF WORDS, yet it seldom has in agreement with our English. The recorded order of words needed

but an inflection of voice to make it A QUESTION. IF we will not be RATIONAL beings, why not return to the forest and chatter with the baboons?

Three variants have been used - in the Greek (Theion, Theiotas, Theotatos), and in the A. V. rendered as "God-Maybe it is a good word. In its strictest sense we could head." say it is but "Godhood" or Deity..... Yet in an era pregnant with the TRINITY dogma, it seems difficult to DISassociate "Godhead" with the "Trinity." In fact, to the Trinity-indoctrinated, "Godhead" immediately conjures up the vision of the mystic THREE-IN-ONE and ONE-IN-THREE..... And it seems difficult to evade the suspicion that this word ("Godhead") was deliberately used to further bolster this dogma. Altho I cannot speak with t'n e authority of a Greek scholar, I can peruse lexicons as well as the translations by other scholars. And, by all these it appears that Acts 17:29, Rom 1:20 and Col 2:9 where they have used "Godhead", the original thots intended were simply: The Divine, Divinity and Deity respectively .... Yet the bulk of good and simple Christendom read about the "GodHEAD" in the three passages above, feel ing sure that the TRINITY is referred to....

## STUDENTS' QUESTIONS

"When the body and soul are in the grave, please advise as to where the spirit is, and what it is doing?" - J.B.J.

I suspect that the above may be based in an error of concept re SOUL and SPIRIT. Here I cannot go into the details which would run into a small book... So let me simply say: the SOUL and the BODY are but GARMENTS worn by the spirit entity or EGO: they constitute the HOUSE in which it lives. We could voice a parallel question thus: IF a man's house is destroyed, where is the man and what is he doing?.... Observe our Lord on the Cross did not commend or direct His "soul" into the Father's hands, but rather "my SPIRIT". His "soul" He laid down for the life of the sheep, and took it again (Jhn 10:17. In the Greek it is 'soul' while the A.V. renders it 'life'.). We read about the SPIRIT of God. cast out "spirits." While the BODY and "SOUL" He came to SAVE (from their sentence unto DEATH). When the "believer" dies (i n the body), only THAT goes to the "grave." The "soul" has been "saved" from death thru the ATONEMENT price paid by our very Creator. Therefore it has no place in the "grave", but is the remaining soul-BODY in which the SPIRIT functions, FULLY CONS-CIOUS in the service of our God and Savior within "the Kingdom of God." Bear in mind how the Revelator saw under the Altar, the "SOULS" of those beheaded, while Peter tells us that the Christ-Spirit went to preach unto the SPIRITS in prison - which had been disobedient in the time of Noah.... Whereby we see that the said SPIRITS IN the time of Noah had lost both SOUL and BODY. They were naked spirits (FLAMES OF FIRE in the crude silhouette of human form). And because of their waywardness, they had be en cast into 'prison'..... But after their time came the LAW which made provision for the SAVING OF THE SOUL, but not for the salvation of the BODY (Jesus' sacrifice provided for the latter as well). Therefore do we read how Moses and Elijah appeared on the mount of Transfiguration, in conversation with Jesus Christ. They had their SOUL-bodies intact: they were able to function therein and SERVE THEIR GOD.

"What is the meaning of Christ's saying: 'Man was not made for the Sabbath but the Sabbath for man'? - TGC" - Mk 2:27.

In its first aspect I believe we can liken that to the basic difference between the totalitarian and democratic state. The one subor dinates the individual to the State, while in the latter the individual is supreme (more or less). The pharisees had stumbled over the LETTER of the Law to the extent that man became but an abject slave thereto. But Christ said that the Law had been formulated FOR THE GOOD OF MAN and, that therefore, THE SON OF MAN WAS THE GOVERNOR THEREOF.

Secondly I am persuaded that there is a somewhat deeper mean - ing involved in the words of our Lord's reply. For, in the SEPT-ENARY RHYTHM, there is a special KEYing to the soul of man, enabling and facilitating his REattunement with God. Yet man is the MASTER of the day prescribed for his REST and REattunement with God. He need not tremble in fear before the DAY, thinking that some law or power therein is greaterthan himself. Yet on the other hand if its 'master' is foolish enuf to disregard the counsel of God and use the day for his own selfish purposes and DIS-attunement with God, then shall he reap the fruit of his folly.

"'No one is righteous, no, not one.' Is this statement of Paul's backed up by any statement of Christ or any prophet? - TGC"

Here, a certain amount of 'interpretation' seems unavoidable. That is, we must endeavor to get the SPIRIT of the passage rather than stumble across the very words themselves.

Our friend takes this from Rom 3:10. Paul may have based that on Ps 14:1-3, where substantially the same words are used. However, scattered thruout the O.T. we find the substance of the same thot. According to Jer5:1, God bids a search be made on the streets of Jerusalem, and, if there be as much as one there seeking TRUTH and JUDGMENT, God would pard on the city. (But the city perished!) The same is repeated in Ezek 22:30. Again we find the same sentiment expressed in Jer 6:7. Then commencing in Jer 9:24 we find the prophet not limiting the indictment to Jerusalem, but to the whole daughter of His people. Then the lamentation goes on bewailing the total corruption of His people, and their utter lack of righteousness. And the same is repeated in 11:8, 16:12 as well as other places.

Yet here is where we must strive to get the SPIRIT rather t h a n the mere words of the passage. We must distinguish between an <u>ABSOLUTE</u> GOODNESS (in the sight of God) and that of an approved or COMMENDABLE GOODNESS in His sight.... But in corroboration of man's IMPEREFECTION in the sight of God, Jesus answered the Ruler saying: "---none is good save one - God" (Lk 18:19.) But now for the other perspective:

God said to Noah: "--thee have I seen RIGHTEOUS before me" (Gen 7:1).... Surely it would not be difficult to find at 'least 100 passages in the OT dealing with "the righteous.".... And moving into the New, we find the Lord Himself said: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Again, "the whole need not a physician, but they that are sick" (-Jesus: By those words Jesus conceded that there were RIGHTEOUS people in His generation..... Of course, we could split hairs over the difference between the righteous and the good. Yet I see n o justification for that.... We could say that the righteousness of Zacharias and his wife, both declared righteous (Lk 1:5-6), and others of whom Jesus spoke, was a righteousness by virtue of the LAW. Yet such a twist would snag up when we come to consider the righteousness of Noah BEFORE THE LAW...... We could say that righteousness in according to DEEDS, while goodness is that which dwells in the heart: that some fully righteous might still have murder and what-not lurking deep within the heart. This, perhaps, comes closest to the truth. But even so, snags up on the statements by the Christ. For, He drew only a faint line of demarcation between the uncleanness within the heart and that which was committed. And when this is understood, one can 'repent' of the evil within his heart just as easily as of evil committed..... Yet He said He came not to call the righteous to RE-PENTANCE.... Wherefore, there have been COMMENDABLY RIGHTEOUS people in the sight of God. And we must suppose that they are numerous today. IF NOT, then was the sacrifice on Calvary without results insofar as the present estate (of man) is concerned....But as previously said, we must distinguish between an ABSOLUTE GOODNESS and that of a commendable uprightness ....Again those of today who have entered into the Spirit Baptism, should be able to claim a yieldedness to ABSOLUTE RIGHTEOUSNESS, yet may lack very much to ABSOLUTE PERFECTION in the sight of God.

"--Could you tell me the portion of Paul's writings which people claim teach the doctrine of the Trinity?" - TGC

The epistles of both Paul and Peter abound in that which CAN TH-US BE 'INTERPRETED.' As already brot out, the 'Godhead' renderings are a strong prop in that direction, yet in the original without value for such a contention..... As to passages thus interpreted, we can take Eph. 3:14, 16 where the THREE are mentioned in rapid succession: 'I bow my knees to the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ..... to be strengthened by might by His SPIR-IT in the inner man.' Then to this they can couple his statement in Col 2:9 which reads 'In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the God-HEAD bodily.' ... So, with a little deft swimming in the misty sea of theology, they have soon 'interpreted' A TRINITY into being. However, we should no more build doctrine on the 'epistles' than you should on my writings. Let God and God alone be the enunciator of doctrine. Anyone admitting as Paul that he could but see as thru a glass darkly, is not fit to be accepted as the foundation authority for doctrine. Neither anyone as creed-bound and weak-kneed as Peter. God is ABSOLUTE! Christ was and PRE-EMINENT! Wherefore, banish the that it was given Paul, Peter or anyone else to ANNOUNCE BASIC DOCTRINE. TH-AT was God's job, and completed in and thru the person of Jesus Christ! Emphatically do I state that Paul and others were but permitted to be COMMENTATORS on the revelations already delivered. And in portions of their writings, they help us to better understand older portions which had been up to that time, obscure... Even so now do I shed light on much previously obscure. But when it comes to BASIC DOCTRINE, God looked to it .... As pointed out in my treatise on 'God', we must first come to the correct understanding of the word itself. When we do, then we realize at

once that FATHER and SON are not in conflict with the basic doctrine of "1" GOD. And that both in the OLD and New Testaments, the 'Holy Spirit' has been set forth as the SERVANT (of God). Wherefore, the 'MYSTERY whereby God's SERVANT is also GOD-de facto - must remain to be unravelled by some psychiatrist specializing in schizophrenia and kindred aberrations.... We must not forget the fundamental fact which remains that nowhere has God declared A TRINITY, but much and repeatedly to the contrary, The TRINITY is man's invention, and can only be supported by very bold 'interpretations' - which God has forbidden to man.

Mr. TGC also introduces Jhn 1:1, saying that the Jehovah's Witnesses claim it should read: 'and the Word was a god.'

Presumably, the thot behind such a rendering is to make 'the Word' which 'was made flesh and dwelt among us' - but <u>one of many</u>. It savors of the same thot as injected by the modernists, claiming Him 'a son of God'....

Before stating what the original Greek text shows, some peculiarities of the language must be considered. In our English, 'a' is known as an INdefinite Article. 'A' horse may be any horse, in contrast to 'the' horse. 'The' is a definite Article.... Now observe, in the Greek there is no indefinite article, but they have the definite article, and frequently use it where it is not suitable in English. In other words, in the Greek IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to write 'a' horse or 'a' god. Therefore it is a brazen misstatement of fact to claim that the Greek text reads 'a God'!.... But observe again, althoutheir language is void of the indefinite article, it may be understood thru the absence of the definite article. Even as in English we have not the INdefinite article in the plural case. But when we say men, or horses, the INdefinite is understood..... Now for the Greek verbatim text:

"In beginning was the Word, and the Word was with (or FOR) the God, KAI THEOS AN HO LOGOS."

And God was the Word.

-There you have it! Admittedly, the Greek sentence structure is much different than ours. Wherefore I will not say that the A.V. is at fault in rendering the above "and the Word was God". Yet if we will try to think in terms of the Greek structure as shown above, we need but a slight inflection of the voice to place emphasis on "God". By so doing it raises GOD to an absolute dominance of the sentence, thus declaring 'the Word' in THE ABSOLUTENESS OF GOD! It becomes anything but 'a god.'

I have received several questions with reference to RE-INCARNA-TION. I do not feel that it can be done justice by one word in answer, nor yet by a paragraph. It may be that I shall see fit to give it some space in the near future.

Further with reference to the DEAD. Plenty of theologians and

- \* the parrottaught, take such accounts as that of Moses
- VISIONS \* and Elijah appearing on the mount of transfiguration,
  - \* and say: "After all, it was but a VISION! We cannot
  - \* postulate A VISION to be FACT!" (Mtt 17:9).

To me it appears strange that those who profess to TEACH GOD (unto the people), should have no trace of respect for God or His Word! By lip service, do they not attribute to Him HONESTY? - So by what stretch of the imagination can we say that God projects AN HALLUCINATION (thus DECEIVING a person), and still is HONEST? The projection of a mirage would make Him A DECEIVER!... But let us look further:

In Daniel 9:21, we are told that GABRIEL was 'seen in the VISION at the beginning.' Maybe there is no Gabriel! "After all, it was but a VISION"!..... And then in Lk. 1:22 we are told that Zacharias had seen a VISION in the temple. And he was tongue-tied, (scared STIFF, no doubt). Perhaps his wife never conceived, and John was never born. How could he? After all 'it was but a VISION!"

And we see where our Lord spoke to Ananias in a VISION (Acts 9:10). So of course, it had to be a delusion! And Peter we are also told had A VISION on the house-top. But maybe he was full of wine!.... And then our beloved Paul tells us in Acts 26:19 that he had had A VISION of the Lord speaking to him. (How realistic 'delusions' can be!) And later we find him declaring EMPHATIC-ALLY that he had FACTUALLY seen the Lord. (See I Cor. 9:1 and 15:8)

This have I said, and it bears repeating while babblers and parrots have their tongue: SO LONG AS 'INTERPRETATION' OF HIS WORD IS COUNTENANCED; SO LONG CAN THERE BE NO LIMITATION TO DECEPTION, CULTS, ISMS AND GENERAL TOMFOOLERY PEDDLED IN THE NAME OF GOD AND BLARED FROM THE CHRIST BANNERED STAGE!

- \* "CALL ON ME, AND I WILL ANSWER THEE, AND SHOW
- \* THEE GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS, WHICH THOW KN-
- \* OWEST NOT." Jer 33:3

How few of the past and of today HAVE HAD THE FAITH to 'c all on God', and to stand alone - if needs be thru the long hour of darkness - until His LIGHTING UP reveals 'great and mighty things' not previously known!

Yet this is the age when cults and isms abound, 'teachers' without number purport to 'reveal great things' to the amazement of the credulous! Great swelling words may flow freely but WHERE IS THE PROOF? WHEREIN LIES THE AUTHORITY?

\*"To the LAW and to the TESTIMONT: if they speak not according to this word, THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM!" (Is 8:20). But 'the ears are itching' for fantastic allurement and our people 'love to have it so.' 'False prophets' are at a premium and brazen showmen in the name of Christ desecrate the pulpit of God. YET OUR PEOPLE LOVE TO HAVE IT SO!

And 'out of His mouth went a sharp TWO EDGED sword.' (Rev 1: 16 and 2:16). Not two or more swords with a single edge, but ONE sword with TWO edges. The ONE sword is the WORD of Him Who is THE LIFE AND LIGHT ('1'). HE is the CENTRAL SPIRIT FIRE. In this SPIRIT FIRE is LIFE: that is the manifestation of the 1 st edge of the sword, being the GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS. While the 2nd edge of the selfsame WORD OF LIFE (His sword) is the LIGHT of the SPIRIT FIRE. It dispels the darkness; it SEPARATES ('2') the wheat from the chaff by ESTABLISHING PROOF of its own authenticity. HIS WORD which is LIFE is a 1s o LIGHT. HIS LIGHT reveals all things: the future is as clear as the past. Therefore does His Word unto LIFE also LIGHT UP 'great and mighty things' for the FUTURE ('which thou knowest not'.)

Yet now is breaking HIS DAY; therefore has flashed His TWO-edged sword; His INSIGNIA has been revealed in profusion. ALL 'teachers' of today fall into one of two groups: Either they are proclaimers - in part - of 'the Law and the Testimony', or they are 'false prophets' and vendors of deceiving twaddle. IF they claim 'new light' or 'revelations' or pretend to be His mouthpieces, yet fail to DEMONSTRATE THEIR DIVINE COMMISSION. then

they are but imposters. With reference to such 'teachers', I say:

As yet I have to hear the name of one who is DEMONSTRATING 'a Divine commission'; I have yet to see the writings of a modern 'teacher' where its WORTH even approaches that of the ink used! At times and by many, PORTIONS OF TRUTH aredwelt upon. But since such PORTIONS are pawned off as A SUBSTITUTE for LIFE, blotting out the TRUE DOOR into The Kingdom, their teachings become a snare and delusion: darkness instead of light, DEATH instead of LIFE!

God formed man out of the elements of the ground. THAT bespeaks the physical man. And 'God breathed into --'. Was God an AIR-breathing being? He could blow into man only a portion of His own SPIRIT BEING, constituting man A SPIRITUAL being.' And man became A LIVING SOUL.' In the Edenic account immediate ely following, the 'garden' depicts the human body wherein dwells the human SPIRIT - portrayed by Adam. The SOUL is depicted by the HELPER Adam receives in the person of EVE ('life'). (The 'rib' story in our Bible is man's invention! APART; SPACE or CELL would be legitimate renderings of the original.)

Now observe: SPIRIT is LIFE and LIGHT (answering to the WAR-MTH and LIGHT of FIRE). But it needs a VEHICLE for expres sion, even as POWER needs a muscle or A MACHINE to manifest. Therefore did God form A PHYSICAL BODY for the begotten spirit, to be used AS A CHANNEL FOR EXPRESSION on earth. But since the NATIVE REALM of Spirit cannot support bone and flesh, God saw it expedient to supply A VEHICLE for the Spirit thru which to EXPRESS ITSELF in the superphysical realm of spirit. This vehicle is termed SOUL, or 'Eve' which means LIFE. For, the soul is THE PRODUCT of the LIFE PROCESS by the SPIRIT functioning in or thru the physical body. It is an IN -VERSE PROCESS by which living organism is ETHEREALIZED into a tenuous substance, taking form. We could contrast this to the OUTbuilding process by which the turtle builds from its living organism A SHELL for the protection of the body. The latter is A CRYSTALIZATION while the former is AN ETHEREALIZATION .....In this age of nuclear fission, it should not be difficult understand this MAGIC ALCHEMY by the SPIRIT. For, our atomic physicists take one element and transform it into another within the power tubes of their atom smashers. Similarly within the human laboratory; the SPIRIT supplies the light and power channeled thru its various 'atom smashers' known as the seven

endocrine glands (see the Tabernacle lessons). Thus thru the united atom-smashing chemistry of the Pituitary and Pineal glands, the human "SOUL" is brot into being. It can serve as a functional body for the spirit after the physical body has been 1 a i d aside thru death.

But God builds for ETERNITY! The tabernacles to house His own SPIRIT-children were not constructed to last but a few short and painful years: THEY WERE BUILT TO LAST THRU THE AGES-providing the Divine symphony was retained within.... But then came man's disobedience to his SPIRIT-FATHER: this we have labelled "sin." This shattered the inbuilt SYMPHONY (man is A VIRBRATIONAL being): sickness and eventual DEATH was the result for the physical body. And as "Eve" also died as a consequence of sin, God thereby portrayed that the SOUL He had fashioned also DIED (or became subject to death) as a consequence of the selfsame disobedience..... Later that Truth was voiced by His prophet saying. "The soul that sinneth IT SHALL DIE!"

To SAVE THE <u>SOUL</u>, God brot in the dispensation of LAW under Moses, whereby thru the offering of ANIMAL BLOOD (bearing the animal SOUL which had never entered into volitional disobedience), God covenanted to permit the lower LIFE (unstained by sin) to be transfused into the HUMAN SOUL of the one making the 'sin offering.' THUS WAS THE HUMAN <u>SOUL</u> "SAVED" under the Mosaic Law. (For an explanation of GOD'S IMPECCABLE JUST-ICE and secret strategy as pertains to that animal slaughter, see 'special Addenda' to the Tabernacle Lessons.) Because the 'soul' was 'saved' under the Mosaic Law did it become possible for 'Moses and Elijah' to appear unto the disciples on the mount of transfiguration and to minister unto Jesus!

NOW then, we are prepared to discern between FACT and FICT-ION. Unless the 'soul' can be kept alive indefinitely ('saved'), then is God's ultimate objective defeated! Thus, God is well able to command the spirit to again enter another infant body to build itself a 'soul' afresh; but what GOOD is thereby accomplished UNLESS THE SOUL CAN BE KEPT ALIVE? God is AREALIST, not abungler: His ways are founded in FACT - not futile blunders. Therefore the 'soul' MUST BE "SAVED"! To THAT end came the Mosaic Law. And for 'one step more' in God's progressive plan, our very Creator incarnated in human form in order not merely to SAVE the 'soul' but also the PHYSICAL BODY, to

restore it to its original Edenic perfection. And in the great sacrifice on Calvary was animal blood replaced by that MUCH BETTER: THAT BLOOD providing a medium or channel by which could flow THE VERY LIFE OF THE GOD SPIRIT UNTO ALL MAKING THE CONNECTION. (Should it be a difficult thing to believe that the very LIFE OF GOD can energize the human 'soul' to last thru unending ages ?)

Now to summarize: Because of disobedience, the Divine Symphony was broken. The primary consequence thereof was DEATH to both 'soul' and physical body. To ABOLISH DEATH came the very Creator in person, building up and pouringforth His LIFE BLOOD to serve as a channel for the transmitting of His own LIFE AND POWER unto all willing recipients! (THIS is biological FACT, not 'religious superstition'!)

Therefore said the Christ: "No one cometh unto the Father BUT BY ME!" - Jhn 14:6.

The physical body could not ascend to the plane of God. And so long as the 'soul' was under sentence to DEATH, there would be no vehicle left by which to come into the presence of God. (The naked spirit was sent forth by God to GET ITSELF A GARMENT. This was alluded to by the Christ in His parable of the one who came to the wedding supper without a 'wedding garment.") Therefore is LIFE by media of Jesus' sacrifice A MUST in order to ever enter God's Kingdom. And "FAITH" is the power which OPENS THE DOOR, OR MAKES THE CONTACT with Central Power for the influx of DIVINE LIFE for both 'soul' and body.

With this CENTRAL CRUX OF TRUTH before us, it becomes manifest why I say that ALL 'teachers' of new cults and isms, and spouters about universal LOVE, are but vendors of deceiving twaddle, the end of which is DEATH for both body and soul. LOVE ALL until you are but a balloon full with mush, yet the sorry fact remains that both SOUL AND BODY MUST DIE, leaving the SPIR-IT A naked flame, incapable of progressing in God's scheme of things.

Thus is THE SACRIFICE ON CALVARY the ONLY media by which man can return unto God. And whosoever teaches differently is 'a false prophet' - unfit to live!

And that sweeping indictment is my answer unto many who send in questions about Teacher This and Boaster That. And it takes in

the entire range of 'Christian Science' so-called, modern Spiritism, Theosophy, Yoga, so-called "Metaphysics", the 'Ascended Masters' liars; the 'I AM' cult of inflated egos as well as every' "mystery school" - without a single exception, together with all 'cults' who do not herald the ATONING WORK ON CALVARY AS THE PRIMARY REQUISITE (unto LIFE)!!!

Are these but the words of A MAN? Before you cast them aside make sure that you can 'show up' the 'Divine Insignia' with which my works abound.....

A certain writes in: "A certain one asked the Lord when His King-dom should come. The answer: 'When two shall be one, and that which is without as that which is within'"! ----- This is another instance of twaddle peddled in the name of Christ by false prophets. Our Lord made no such reply!

And by the same friend: "This one is a stickler also: 'My little children of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.' (Gal 4:19).

It is easy of understanding. Paul was writing to A GROUP, not to an individual. The primary explanation is offered in 1:6-7 by which we see that THE GROUP had accepted FALSE TEACHERS. Therefore was Paul much in prayer for them to the end that they AS A GROUP might return unto the pristine purity and TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

#### REINCARNATION:

Questions are incessantly coming in about this matter... As commonly taught, IT IS FALSE DOCTRINE: Observe that I say 'as commonly taught.' Theosophy and some eastern religions as well as some branches of modern Spiritism teach reincarnation. By this is meant that the Spirit incarnates in infant human bodies from time to time, gaining ever increasing experience', constantly going from what it IS to something better. Thus, according to this teaching, ETERNITY behind us accounts for what we are, while ETERNITY ahead of us will see to our gradual and eventual PERFECTION. And THAT I label the twaddle of false teachers!

Were such a teaching to be true, that would make the sacrifice on Calvary needless! And it would make empty words out of much that Jesus spoke - such as the one in Jhn 14:6.... Such a teaching also overlooks (or REJECTS) the Truth of God's words 'The soul that sinneth IT SHALL DIE!' The teaching rejects that

DEATH is the consequence of sin, and that the spirit must have A WEDDING GARMENT to again come into the enjoyable presence of God. It postulates 'a SOUL' which goes on and on from one 'reincarnation' into another, 'gaining experience', ever 'growing in perfection', ultimately attaining 'Nirvana' - as taught by the Buddhists. Many credulous prefer this tripe to CHRIST'S ATON-ING WORK.

However , I will not dismiss the teaching with a sweeping condem -nation, for, it contains A PORTION OF TRUTH.

GOD IS PROGRESSIVE IN GOVERNMENT FOR HIS CHILDREN! And much as many good Christians recoil in horror at the thot of God giving man more than 'one chance', the fact remains that God never ceases to give man 'another chance'! Even that fundamental dogma of both Judaism and Christianity we have labeled the 'resurrection', is but "ANOTHER CHANCE" which God is to give us: 'another chance' to live lives righteous andholy which we failed to previously do!

"Him that overcometh will I MAKE A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD;

AND HE SHALL GO NO MORE OUT and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God-which is New Jerusalem ----- and I will write upon him My NEW NAME." -- Rev 3:12.

Those words from the Glory: "he shall GO NO MORE out" clearly imply that he has gone out before, and that those who have not attained that particular estate of the 'overcomer' (as elucidated in the Tabernacle series), MUST GO OUT AGAIN! That is 'another chance', A MUST UNTO PERFECTION!

Or think you that the 'going out' refers to fetching some water for Gabriel? Or perhaps reporting on the weather?

NO, beloved, God is not satisfied with amateurs! PERFECTION is a MUST for all of His children!

But a deathless SOUL-body is THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE for the spirit. With that vehicle as A PERMANENT INSTRUMENT, the human spirit can go forward in God's scheme of things, gaining increased understanding thru experience on superterrestrial planes of being.

While for those who have not 'overcome' to the extent of the Divine requirement, and who have not entered into the possession of a DEATHLESS SOUL-body, re-incarnation BECOMES A MUST!

Yet this Truth in God's plan for man should not be identified with the spurious HALF-truth labeled 're-incarnation' by Theosophists and other false prophets.

The fact of lost SOUL-bodies means that most of us have been here before! Which fact also accounts for the difference between hoodlums and Albert Scweitzers. Yet forget not that there is a deadline set which runs thru the Great Lake of Fire wherein A L L SOUL-bodies are fully destroyed EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHICH HAVE ENTERED INTO A STATE OF DEATHLESS LIFE either thru the Law of Moses or thru the sacrifice on Calvary. Thereafter to go forth into God's next cycle of expressive manifestation.

#### STUDENT PROBLEMS #9

# \* "WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW? HOW READEST THOU?"

- Jesus (Luke 10:26)

And to the above it might be well to add His other words: "SEAR-CH THE SCRIPTURES"

This time I propose to deal with several and miscellaneous passages which have been poorly or erroneously translated. And possibly a question or two from students will be included.

First let me re-emphasize what I have said before by STRESSING the above quotations. 'What is written in the LAW? HOW READEST THOU?' That is, THE LAW (as delivered thru Moses) I S THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY! Therefore cried His prophet: "TO THE LAW and TO THE TESTIMONY" - for, UNLESS they speak according to that which has been written, THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM! But to this added our Lord:

# "HOW READEST THOU ?"

That is, do you read it as it was written? Do you accept it as written? Or do you go to dreamers in the night, keeping your fingers crossed, hoping, praying that a long robed parrot will deliver suavewords of a pleasant invention to tickle the ear? That the 'interpretation' by man may hide the jarring TRUTH and 'hop you up' by the vain erudition of men?

Man is slow to learn and obstinately set against change. PRIMIT-IVE PSYCHOLOGY STILL PERSISTS AMONG THE MASSES. In the bygone ages the common populace could neither read nor write... But a mere handful of the well-to-do, and of the priesthood 'knew letters.' Neither were printing presses available. Copies of The Law could not be prepared in quantity to go around, even if the people had known how to read..... Therefore, whoever wanted to know what The LAW decreed or taught, had to hie himself to a priest ON WHOM HE BECAME ENTIRELY DEPENDENT FOR GOD'S WORD.

Today on this continent, almost every adult can read. And "The LAW" and "The TESTIMONY" is available cheaply unto 'whomso-ever will ----.' Yet the primitive psychology persists:

WE MUST GO TO THE PRIEST; HE WILL TELL US THE WORD OF GOD. And so we have an overpopulated continent unwilling to READ for themselves; UNWILLING TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES ("and WHY not of yourselves JUDGE YE WHAT IS RIGHT?"--- Lk 12:57)! And so deeply entrenched was the TEACHER-psychology among the few learned, and so insidious the grip of man's dogma a few centuries ago, that those who translated "THE LAW and The TESTIMONY" into English, spewed forth the venom of hatred, attributing the monstrous to our GLORIOUS GOD! And even today we have modern parrots on broken records, belching 'sulphur and brimstone for ever AND ever.' And every creed and nearly every parrot has its own pet 'broken record': it gets into the groove and repeats over and over again THAT WHICH IT PARTICULARLY FAVORS, with wanton abandon ignoring the balance of Scripture!

And to these flock the multitudes for the 'processed and sterilized milk (of the Word)' and the 'the <u>devitalized</u> Bread of Life'!

My dearly beloved Catholic friends, who meekly tremble before the impressive regalia of a dead priesthood, and credulously accept every decree by 'the mother of harlots'; and you my precious Protestant friends who have been so greatly favored by God: you who dig deep to pay for sweet orations which lull you to sleep, WHAT CAN YOU ANSWER TO "THE JUDGE OF THE QUICK AND THE DEAD" WHEN HIS FLAMING EYES OF BURNING FIRE SEARCH OUT YOUR SHALLOWNESS, YOUR SPIRITUAL APATHY AND WANTON MANIA FOR EAR-TICKLING PRECEPTS OF MEN, when He shall remind you that you were COMMANDED TO "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE"; and maybe ask: "HOW DID YOU READ"? and

"WHY of yourself did you not JUDGE WHAT IS RIGHT" ?

Here is a minor matter, yet one which I believe most of you will appreciate. According to the A.V., our Lord is reported as having said to His mother: "Woman, what have I to do with thee ?-" Ihm 2:4......

I have before me the Bible in Modern Greek as well as the 'Text-us Receptus' of Stephens and Elzevir dating back to 1550, together with A DIACRITICAL reading of the six other best recognized Greek editors of the ancient texts. After a careful study of these it seems difficult to keep from wondering what infantile intellect could have concocted the abominable rendering in the A.V.! According to ALL of the old editors, a verbatim translation simply reads: "WHAT TO ME AND TO THEE, WOMAN?" It is the old, cryptic style. We would say: What has that to do with me and you? Or, Is that any concern of mine and yours? The modern Greek edition reads slightly different. With slight concession to English idiom it would read: 'Says to her the Jesus: 'WHAT bearing (or 'reason') momentarily, has that on me and you, woman?! In no instance is it possible to read into it the "I to do with thee"-portion!

Perhaps this should be of little moment to us. Yet to me it has always been a grief to see our Lord give a 'slambanging' answer to His mother, and that without occasion. YET THE GREEK TEXTS BEAR NO TRACE OF SUCH BRASH DISCOURTESY! HE merely said: If they are without wine, what concern of ours is that? MY HOUR is not arrived yet!....... And His mother understood her Son: she knew that He implied that A LITTLE LATER -when the precise moment arrived - He would act. In the meanwhile they could do without....Therefore she made the recorded request of the servants.

Now, let us go into reverse and see what a number of modern theologians have done to A CORRECT RENDERING, voicing their own stupidity to tickle the ear of the credulous:

The angelic multitude praised God and said: "Glory to God i n the highest, and on earth PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN,"
-Lk 2:14. But now a section of the serpentine intelligentsia read it: "--and on earth peace TO MEN OF GOOD WILL"!

-As if "peace toward men of good will" commenced but then! Or as if PEACE is not the natural and inevitable fruit of "good will" unto all men at all times and places ? - Did He not say we should And here is another minor (?) item, yet to me very important: In Luke 12 He presented the CHURCH in the form of A SERVANT, faithful and unfaithful. Of the unfaithful one He saysthat he would be overtaken unawaress and 'cut him in sunder,' (v 46). THAT is a literal enuf translation of the modern Gr. version which uses the word 'apochorisei'. But observe, in ALL of the old texts we find the word 'dichotomasei', which, literally, is to 'cut in TWO! Perhaps we should not split hairs over cutting in sunder or cuting in TWO; yet those of you more intimately familiar with my teachings, will recognize in a flash how the 'cutting in TWO' speaks volumes and that in perfect agreement with my teachings of the Church being cut in TWO. Here we observe that the modern Greek has followed the same trend as in our own English i.e. to substitute different words which are more in keeping both with word usage as well as with the ideas of men... (Hence the imperativeness of going back to the originals.... IF our Lord tarries and God helping me, I shall in the course of another year or so, also acquire a running knowledge of the Hebrew.)

Here I wish to come back to the 'damnation' renderings in the

\*A.V. which were mentioned on pages 47-48. The

DAMN\*words used in the original Greek are Krino, Krisis and

\*Krima with their variant endings. These mean TO JUD
CON\*GE, JUDGING and JUDGMENT respectively. While in

DEMN\*the A.V. they are invariably rendered as DAMNATION,
\*or whatever word the dogma indoctrinated thot would
\*make hell really sizzle. The very strongest word that

can be found in the Greek is either of the above with the "kata"

prefix. We find Katakrino in Mtt 12:41-42; 20:18, 27:3 Mk 10:33. 14:64, 16:16; Lk II:31-32; Thn 8:10-11; Rom 2:1; 8:3, 34, 14:23 and Katakrisis in II Cor 3:9 and 7:3, while Katakrima in Rom 5:16,18; 8:1; I Cor 11:32, Heb 11:7 and II Ptr 2:6, (These have been cited that the careful student may check the rendering and insert the correct translation.)..... For an understanding of these words we have only to go back to the days in which the Greeks had their ascendancy. The KATA prefix simply injects the thot of "DOWN." And that is easily understood. In those days there were DUNGE-ONS, and they were usually - if not always - UNDER the palace or the castle or the court. Wherefore, when the judgment was more severe the one judged was put DOWN into the dungeon, hence the KATA-judgment or DOWN-placement.... Yet we are without justification to say that such DOWNjudging equals 'danmation.' We find numerous instances in the Bible where some men were called forth from the dungeons. Joseph and others were in Pharaoh's dungeon, but came out.... More often than not these words have been rendered 'condemed.'....But for the milder form in the Greek (without the KATA prefix), we find a full 'damnation' handed out in Mtt 23:13-14; Mk 3:29, 12:40; Lk 20:47; Jhn 5:29; Rom 3: 8, 13:2, 14:23; II Thes 2:12; I Tim 5:12 and II Ptr 2:3.

A devout Catholic friend writes in: "The explanation of the here-tofore mysterious words of our Lord Jesus to Nicodemus regarding the necessity of the rebirth by water and the Spiritis most wel-come. (This occurred AT NIGHT, and doubtless this also has significance which in due time will be seen in the mighty works of Mikkel Dahl ----).... This student finds it difficult toput into words the spiritual joy and enlightenment which has been his thru these studies - for it sounds like flattery. -- Joesph C R."

Perhaps a portion of the above would have been better in the 'Chat' series. But then I feel there is a bit of latitude in these also.....
THIS have I said and I repeat: ALL words, deeds and events in the life of our Blessed Redeemer HAD THEIR PROPER PLACE,
TIME and SIGNIFICANCE! And whosoever thinks there may be an exception, may he hear the challenge ringing... And whatsoever I cannot answer, GOD WILL; for, THESE are the days WHEN HIS NAME MUST BE GLORIFIED!

Of course! Nicodemus coming BY NIGHT had its significance! (THANK YOU, dear friend JCR.; without your saying so, perhaps I should never have set it forth. For, the Spirit gave not the LIGHT until your statement caused me to ASK and LOOK.) First,

while I am on the rampage over A.V. renderings, may I point out that in Jhm 3:4, the translators make Nicodemus ask an abominably stupid question. In the Greek there is a very distinct NEGATIVE in the form of an emphatic statement. That is, Nicodemus said an old man "CAN NOT enter ---- to be born again."---- Just why we find so many abominable renderings in open defiance of both reason and the clearest Greek, is quite beyond me....The strong in foolish faith and weak in knowledge who postulate that the A.V. was especially supervised by God, should spend a few weeks in the Greek texts to get their young puppy-eyes opened.

NICODEMUS was of the Pharisees, and the word means "the SEPA-RATED ones." Primarily, their basic leaning was to eschew all manner of defilement - in anticipation of the awaited Messiah. While the name NICODEMUS means PEOPLE VICTOR, or conqueror of the people. And it so happened that he was also "a RULER of the Jews."

God CALLED OUT Abram from among the Chaldeans; much later He CALLED OUT from Egypt the seed of Abraham. And so we find the apostle writing about the "ECCLESIA in the wilderness:" that is, the 'CALLED OUT' people. That is, they were CALLED OUT by God. Our 'ecclesiastic' word stems from the Greek Eklesia. Now observe, in contrast thereto, the sect of the Pharisees came into being thru volitional separation on the part of the individual (s). Thus we have the two groups: the CALLED OUT BY GOD and the self-separated ones. THESE ANSWER TO THE PRESENT SPIRIT-BORN CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST and (2) THE ORGANIZ-ED CHURCH BY MAN. The first is a spiritual organism; the latter is a purely man-nade organism. The first may function thru the second, yet there is a sharp distinction. The chief difference rests in the fact that one has been called BY GOD, while the second is self-appointed.

THE LATTER WAS TYPIFIED BY 'NICODEMUS'. HE WAS THE SYMBOL OF THE ORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - WHI-CH IS'A CONQUEROR OF THE PEOPLE'!

He was A RULER among the Jews. Forget not that our Christian church came out of the Jewish synagogue. Neither forget howJames - the blood brother of Jesus - became therevered FUNCTIONAL HEAD of the early Jerusalem Church. That church was A HYBRID: mostly Judaism and partly Christian.

Nicodemus the RULER of the Jews or the 'populace-victor' typified

this hybrid structure as it was about to come into being and run its course thru the ages.

Observe: He recognized that JESUS HAD COME FROM GOD! (Make no mistake about it, ALL the Pharisees recognized that! See Mtt 21:38) Similarly does the EARTHLY ORGANISM known as our Christian church (recognize that Jesus was of God). "THE SAME CAME TO JESUS BY NIGHT."

Have I not reminded you time and again that Jesus foretold that t"NIGHT would come when no one could work"? A NIGHT of "a great horror of darkness!" (Gen 15:12)..... So the Lord chose to show us by drama - speaking to all ages - that a God-fearing, SELF-appointed conclave of men; destined to 'conquer' and to 'rule over the people'; would recognize HIS DIVINITY (or Divine Mission) from the outset, and would COME TO HIM BY NIGHT! That is, thruout this long night of spiritual darkness they would skulk about and draw near to Him in the flesh. "Came to Him by night" implies, or forecasts, a long drawn-out process.

The conversation between the two reveals that Nicodemus was "a spiritual nitwit." He drew a rebuke from our Lord: YOU A TEA-CHER IN ISRAEL, YET KNOW NOT THESE THINGS!

Rapidly now approaches the daybreak when the True LIGHT shall again reveal the same. That is, LIGHT (Jesus) shall reveal the fact that the modern hybrid organism - known as the Christian Church -has taken 'the night' to approach unto Him, YET KNOW NOT ANYTHING - aside from the basic recognition that JESUS CAME FROM GOD! Even as Nicodemus was ignorant of the fact that one MUST BE BORN AGAIN, so similarly is the organized ChristianChurch of today. MEMBERSHIP, and a respectable life conforming to the Christian code, is all they know. THIS, together with a promise of pie in the sky has 'conquered the people'! (Observe, this 'pie in the sky' was also taught by the Pharisees. The Messiah was to come - momentarily - and, by Divine power, would set aright the world with the Jews in the saddle.) The organized church is blissfully ignorant of the NEW BIRTH required to even SEE the Kingdom of God. And ignorant are they that of SOUL AND OF SPIRIT must one be born again in order to become a member of God's Kingdom. To cover up their ignorance and apathy, they teach that ALL of that takes place when formally joining the church.

BUT GOD HAS SPOKEN (in drama): CHILDREN OF THE DARKNESS (pointedly including 'Nicodemus') FEAR THE LIGHT, LEST

Were it a matter of transcendant importance, then we should distinguish between what "His name SHALL BE CALLED" (by men) in contrast to what HIS NAME IS (as declared by God.) However, in spite of this sobering that, we must observe that the statement refers to the passage of time during which He shall come to have those names. So we may rightfully suppose that there will be REAL FOUNDATION for such names.

Secondly, in this and numerous other instances, we should not overlook the <u>latitude</u> accorded the word "father." Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David were all called "father" hundreds and thous ands of years later. To this we can also add THE SENSE OF <u>VENERATION</u> in which it was commonly used. To this referred our Lord when He strictly FORBADE HIS FOLLOWERS TO THUS CALL ANY MAN "FATHER" ON EARTH! (I still continue to gasp in amazemnet at the brass of one church which insists that its priest be labelled "father"! But let me hasten to add for the rest of you who do not belong to that church: YOURS IS NOT ONE WHIT BETTER! The <u>only</u> distinction God draws between them is in MOTHER and DAUGHTERS, plus the longer time in which the mother has plied her sorcery and adulteries.)

Now for the clearcut answer to Is, 9:6: IT NEEDS NO EXPLANATION NOR INTERPRETATION; MERELY ACCEPT IT AS FACT!

Both John and Paul were very emphatic that THE GREAT SPIRIT INCARNATING, AND KNOWN AS "THE SON", HAD CREATED ALL THINGS, AND WITHOUT HIM HAD NOTHING COME INTO BEING! And the old prophets like Zechariah were very emphatic that it were to be none other than YAHWEH IN PERSON who should be weighed for 30 of silver and be pierced. And surely all of the prophets agree that YAHWEH WAS THE CREATOR. Space would here run short to enumerate the countless passages where Yahweh is termed the Creator, as well as the Father of Israel, and they His children!

Wherefore, that Jesus should be named the "everlasting Father" is only right and proper, for, indeed He was and is just that. 'Twas Yahweh who brot forth the entirety of creation; 'twas He who spoke forth the multitudinous waves of SPIRIT CHILDREN dwelling in temples of human flesh today. "Twas none but the Yahweh Spirit who was the SON of the Father. The "SON" is our "Father" and also our savior.....(It might be well for most of you to reread the treatise on "God" sent you long ago.

#### "STUDENT-PROBLEMS" #10

- \* \* \* "And ye shall know the Truth, and THE TRUTH SHALL \* \* \* MAKE YOU FREE!" \_ Jesus, John 8:32
- People are FILLED WITH THE WORDS OF MEN, and hopped up by man-invented delusions! And today we have a Christendom ill-nourished on the sterilized "milk of the Word", based on a version "translated to man's order"(supposedly the ancient Holy Word!) Therefore does uncertainty, befuddlement, grief and death reign in our midst!

Here I shall not dwell on the opening Scripture as above, but only direct your thot to THREE vital aspects, or applications thereof. First, so many are in uncertainty BECAUSE OF THE WORDS BY MAN - which are so far aside from the Truth. Secondly, have you stopped to reflect on the Lord's answer to Thomas, wherein He identified Himself with the TRUTH'? (Jhn 14:6). And finally, have you pondered the awesome portent of His prophetic Word, in that it declares the entirety of His creation is to KNOW Him eventually, thereby being LIBERATED? . . . . .

But let us come to the point SPECIFICALLY: I have several letters before me with a peckful of arguments; or perhaps they are but questions. A goodly lot of them are supplied by my Baltimore friend (TGC) who, being a retired business man, has the time to read my writings; the Scripture as well as the writings of others, and, between the lot thereof come forth with a bushel of questions. However, I am not complaining. It is the probing mind which leads to understanding and progress. And indeed, his persistent questioning has led to my writing two booklets, as well as many other paragraphs in these columns.

NOW I see where he is back at me "for ever", altho I had considered the matter settled in the previous treatise. That still is my attitude. However, he has now brot up another passage or two which - perhaps - justifies my giving another page or so to the question. And that "question" could be worded something like this: IS IT NOT FACT THAT THE "UNSAVED" ARE HEADED

Truth? Even when that be in open contradiction to the Absolute Authority?

Is ALL Scripture ("writings") inspired? HOW STUPID CAN YOU BE? Look back thru the pages of the sacred record and SEPAR-ATE THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF!....Behold from the great prophet Jeremiah: "CURSED be the day wherein I was born. CURSED be the man who brot tidings to my father, ----And 1 et that man be as the cities which the Lord overthrew------and let him hear the cry in the morning and the shouting at noontide because he slew me not from the womb!" (But read it all from Jer. 20:14-18).

Is there a man today so empty-headed that he would impute those 5 verses to God Almighty? Even a child will perceive that they were but the personal griefs which a man did voice. less other passages fall precisely into the same category. In fact when Peter wrote the much abused passage about "all Scripture inspired----" he had not the remotest intention that his own words were to thus be construed. He was referring to THE LAW ( o f Moses) and to THE TESTIMONY (by the ancient prophets) which had been recorded and then in possession by the Levitical Priesthood.......Why should we be such naive hero-worshippers as to suppose that Peter and Paul had come into THE FULNESS TRUTH? TEN years or more after Pentecost, God had to "take Peter in hand" in order to get him to go into a house of a Gentile. And when he returned to Jerusalem, the entire assembly of Christian elders "called him on the carpet", taking him to task over going in to a Gentile! And they were SORE AMAZED that had granted "salvation unto the Gentiles"!....They were simple folk, many of them but humble fishermen. How little they knew of the Scripture! (Salvation for the Gentiles is on open display thruout the Old Testament!)

Wherefore, you will here - and elsewhere - understand my NOTTOO-SERIOUS-REGARD for the "espistles", UNLESS THEY ARE BACKED UP BY THE WORDS OF THE CHRIST, OR THE YAHWEH OF OLD. I will build my doctrine on the words of YAHWEH-JESUS. IF any portion of the Epistles differ, THEY must be conditioned to agree with the ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY.

Now for a look at the questions: "I believe Job said the wicked were reserved for destruction---. The Jehova's Witnesses teach just that.----However, see I Thes 5:3, IIThes 1:9; II Ptr

(2:1.

"kat epitagan TOU AIONIOU THEOU (according to the commandment of the everlasting God) = A. V. (Rom 16:26).

You will observe I have placed "of the" under TOU. But actually, TOU is our article "the", but in its masculine POSSES-SIVE case... But observe again: "Theos" is God, while above you find "Theou. THAT again is the possessive case for the mas-culine. That is, it IS THE EQUIVALENT of our "of"! And since the TheoU is in its possessive form, both the adjective and article preceding ARE CHANGED to agree with the noun. . . . . Thus the three words (Capitalized above) are all in the possessive case.......Altho I find different translations rendering it of the eonian God", yet we would be equally right to say "according to the commandment of THE GOD OF THE AGES." For, the "OU" ending above is equal to our "of." Even more literally:"--the age's God."

Most Christians have looked forward to the second coming of Christ and thot of it as being the same time as the rapture of the Church. ---- Please see II Ptr 3:10 which indicates that the Heavens will pass away on that day. I had been under the impression that it is after the 1000 years of peace that there will come the new Heavens and earth."

A careful study of Revelation chapters 20 and 21, show us unmistakeably that at some time AFTER the GREAT WHITE THRONE Judgment, and AFTER the 1000 years (or more) of PEACE, the elements will be on fire. Thereafter (TIME indefinite) there will be NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH... While the passage in 2nd Ptr alludes clearly to the anticipated return of the Messiah. Altho Peter does not link the two events in just that many words, it is difficult to avoid the connection... My answer is that it had not been given Peter to understand that there were MANY SIGNS in the consummating plan of God. He bunched them together. (This is an instance where the PART-light of the apostle must be set aside for the FULL TRUTH as given by direct and amazing revelation to John many years later.)

Re "Pantote": I had said that I knew of no Greek word for everlasting. Yet later pointed to PANTOTE in Thes 4:17 as its equivalent. Now TGC wonders if Pantote is found in other passages? Yes! Far too numerous to mention (here)! Pantote is A COM-POUND word. "Pan" is Greek for All. From it we have such the entire range of 'Christian Science' so-called, modern Spiritism, Theosophy, Yoga, so-called "Metaphysics", the 'Ascended Masters' liars; the 'I AM' cult of inflated egos as well as every "mystery school" - without a single exception, together with all 'cults' who do not herald the ATONING WORK ON CALVARY AS THE PRIMARY REQUISITE (unto LIFE)!!!

Are these but the words of A MAN? Before you cast them aside make sure that you can 'show up' the 'Divine Insignia' with which my works abound.....

A certain writes in: "A certain one asked the Lord when His King-dom should come. The answer: 'When two shall be one, and that which is without as that which is within'"! ----- This is another instance of twaddle peddled in the name of Christ by false prophets. Our Lord made no such reply!

And by the same friend: "This one is a stickler also: 'My little children of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.' (Gal 4:19).

It is easy of understanding. Paul was writing to A GROUP, not to an individual. The primary explanation is offered in 1:6-7 by which we see that THE GROUP had accepted FALSE TEACHERS. Therefore was Paul much in prayer for them to the end that they AS A GROUP might return unto the pristine purity and TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

#### REINCARNATION:

Questions are incessantly coming in about this matter...As commonly taught, IT IS FALSE DOCTRINE: Observe that I say 'as commonly taught.' Theosophy and some eastern religions as well as some branches of modern Spiritism teach reincarnation. By this is meant that the Spirit incarnates in infant human bodies from time to time, gaining ever increasing experience', constantly going from what it IS to something better. Thus, according to this teaching, ETERNITY behind us accounts for what we are, while ETERNITY ahead of us will see to our gradual and eventual PERFECTION. And THAT I label the twaddle of false teachers!

Were such a teaching to be true, that would make the sacrifice on Calvary needless! And it would make empty words out of much that Jesus spoke - such as the one in Jhn 14:6.... Such a teaching also overlooks (or REJECTS) the Truth of God's words 'The soul that sinneth IT SHALL DIE!' The teaching rejects that

While for those who have not 'overcome' to the extent of the Divine requirement, and who have not entered into the possession of a DEATHLESS SOUL-body, re-incarnation BECOMES A MUST!

Yet this Truth in God's plan for man should not be identified with the spurious HALF-truth labeled 're-incarnation' by Theosophists and other false prophets.

The fact of lost SOUL-bodies means that most of us have been here before! Which fact also accounts for the difference between hoodlums and Albert Scweitzers. Yet forget not that there is a deadline set which runs thru the Great Lake of Fire wherein ALL SOUL-bodies are fully destroyed EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHICH HAVE ENTERED INTO A STATE OF DEATHLESS LIFE either thru the Law of Moses or thru the sacrifice on Calvary. Thereafter to go forth into God's next cycle of expressive manifestation.

#### STUDENT PROBLEMS #9

## \* "WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW? HOW READEST THOU?"

- Jesus (Luke 10:26)

And to the above it might be well to add His other words: "SEAR-CH THE SCRIPTURES"

This time I propose to deal with several and miscellaneous passages which have been poorly or erroneously translated. And possibly a question or two from students will be included.

First let me re-emphasize what I have said before by STRESSING the above quotations. 'What is written in the LAW? HOW READ-EST THOU?' That is, THE LAW (as delivered thru Moses) I S THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY! Therefore cried His prophet: "TO THE LAW and TO THE TESTIMONY" - for, UNLESS they speak according to that which has been written, THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM! But to this added our Lord:

# "HOW READEST THOU?"

That is, do you read it as it was written? Do you accept it as written? Or do you go to dreamers in the night, keeping your fingers crossed, hoping, praying that a long robedparrot will deliver suavewords of a pleasant invention to tickle the ear? That the 'interpretation' by man may hide the jarring TRUTH and 'hop you up' by the vain erudition of men?

"WHY of yourself did you not JUDGE WHAT IS RIGHT" ?

Here is a minor matter, yet one which I believe most of you will appreciate. According to the A.V., our Lord is reported as having said to His mother: "Woman, what have I to do with thee ?-" Ihm 2:4......

I have before me the Bible in Modern Greek as well as the "Textus Receptus" of Stephens and Elzevir dating back to 1550, together with A DIACRITICAL reading of the six other best recognized Greek editors of the ancient texts. After a careful study of these it seems difficult to keep from wondering what infantile intellect could have concocted the abominable rendering in the A.V.! According to ALL of the old editors, a verbatim translation simply reads: "WHAT TO ME AND TO THEE, WOMAN?" It is the old, cryptic style. We would say: What has that to do with me and you? Or, Is that any concern of mine and yours? The modern Greek edition reads slightly different. With slight concession to English idiom it would read: 'Says to her the Jesus: 'WHAT bearing (or 'reason') momentarily, has that on me and you, woman?! In no instance is it possible to read into it the "I to do with thee"-portion!

Perhaps this should be of little moment to us. Yet to me it has always been a grief to see our Lord give a 'slambanging' answer to His mother, and that without occasion. YET THE GREEK TEXTS BEAR NO TRACE OF SUCH BRASH DISCOURTESY! HE merely said: If they are without wine, what concern of ours is that ? MY HOUR is not arrived yet!...... And His mother understood her Son: she knew that He implied that A LITTLE LATER -when the precise moment arrived - He would act. In the meanwhile they could do without....Therefore she made the recorded request of the servants.

Now, let us go into reverse and see what a number of modern theologians have done to A CORRECT RENDERING, voicing their own stupidity to tickle the ear of the credulous:

The angelic multitude praised God and said: "Glory to God i n the highest, and on earth PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN,"
-Lk 2:14. But now a section of the serpentine intelligentsia read it: "--and on earth peace TO MEN OF GOOD WILL"!

-As if "peace toward men of good will" commenced but then! Or as if PEACE is not the natural and inevitable fruit of "good will" unto all men at all times and places ? - Did He not say we should

And here is another minor (?) item, yet to me very important: In Luke 12 He presented the CHURCH in the form of A SERVANT. faithful and unfaithful. Of the unfaithful one He saysthat he would be overtaken unawaress and 'cut him in sunder,' (v 46). THAT is a literal enuf translation of the modern Gr. version which uses the word 'apochorisei'. But observe, in ALL of the old texts we find the word 'dichotomasei', which, literally, is to 'cut in TWO! Perhaps we should not split hairs over cutting in sunder or cuting in TWO; yet those of you more intimately familiar with my teachings, will recognize in a flash how the 'cutting in TWO' speaks volumes and that in perfect agreement with my teachings of the Church being cut in TWO. Here we observe that the modern Greek has followed the same trend as in our own English i.e. to substitute different words which are more in keeping both with word usage as well as with the ideas of men... (Hence the imperativeness of going back to the originals.... IF our Lord tarries and God helping me, I shall in the course of another year or so, also acquire a running knowledge of the Hebrew.)

Here I wish to come back to the 'damnation' renderings in the

\*A.V. which were mentioned on pages 47-48. The

DAMN- \*words used in the original Greek are Krino, Krisis and

\*Krima with their variant endings. These mean TO JUD
CON- \*GE, JUDGING and JUDGMENT respectively. While in

DEMN- \*the A.V. they are invariably rendered as DAMNATION,

\*or whatever word the dogma indoctrinated thot would

\*make hell really sizzle. The very strongest word that

can be found in the Greek is either of the above with the "kata"

prefix. We find Katakrino in Mtt 12:41-42; 20:18, 27:3 Mk10:33. 14:64, 16:16; Lk II:31-32; Thn 8:10-11; Rom 2:1; 8:3,34, 14:23 and Katakrisis in II Cor 3:9 and 7:3, while Katakrima in Rom 5:16,18; 8:1; I Cor 11:32, Heb 11:7 and II Ptr 2:6. (These have been cited that the careful student may check the rendering and insert the correct translation.)..... For an understanding of these words we have only to go back to the days in which the Greeks had their ascendancy. The KATA prefix simply injects the thot of "DOWN." And that is easily understood. In those days there were DUNGE-ONS, and they were usually - if not always - UNDER the palace or the castle or the court. Wherefore, when the judgment was more severe the one judged was put DOWN into the dungeon, hence the KATA-judgment or DOWN-placement.... Yet we are without justification to say that such DOWNjudging equals 'danmation.' We find numerous instances in the Bible where some men were called forth from the dungeons. Joseph and others were in Pharaoh's dungeon, but came out..... More often than not these words have been rendered 'condemed.' ... . But for the milder form in the Greek (without the KATA prefix), we find a full 'damnation' handed out in Mtt 23:13-14; Mk 3:29, 12:40; Lk 20:47; Jhn 5:29; Rom 3: 8, 13:2, 14:23; II Thes 2:12; I Tim 5:12 and IJ Ptr 2:3.

A devout Catholic friend writes in: "The explanation of the here-tofore mysterious words of our Lord Jesus to Nicodemus regarding the necessity of the rebirth by water and the Spiritis most wel-come. (This occurred AT NIGHT, and doubtless this also has significance which in due time will be seen in the mighty works of Mikkel Dahl ---).... This student finds it difficult toput into words the spiritual joy and enlightenment which has been his thru these studies - for it sounds like flattery. -- Joesph C R."

Perhaps a portion of the above would have been better in the 'Chat' series. But then I feel there is a bit of latitude in these also.....
THIS have I said and I repeat: ALL words, deeds and events in the life of our Blessed Redeemer HAD THEIR PROPER PLACE,
TIME and SIGNIFICANCE! And whosoever thinks there may be an exception, may he hear the challenge ringing... And whatsoever I cannot answer, GOD WILL; for, THESE are the days WHEN HIS NAME MUST BE GLORIFIED!

Of course! Nicodemus coming BY NIGHT had its significance! (THANK YOU, dear friend JCR.; without your saying so, perhaps I should never have set it forth. For, the Spirit gave not the LIGHT until your statement caused me to ASK and LOOK.) First,

while I am on the rampage over A.V. renderings, may I point out that in Jhn 3:4, the translators make Nicodemus ask an abominably stupid question. In the Greek there is a very distinct NEGATIVE in the form of an emphatic statement. That is, Nicodemus said an old man "CAN NOT enter ---- to be born again."---- Just why we find so many abominable renderings in open defiance of both reason and the clearest Greek, is quite beyond me....The strong in foolish faith and weak in knowledge who postulate that the A.V. was especially supervised by God, should spend a few weeks in the Greek texts to get their young puppy-eyes opened.

NICODEMUS was of the Pharisees, and the word means "the SEPA-RATED ones." Primarily, their basic leaning was to eschew all manner of defilement - in anticipation of the awaited Messiah. While the name NICODEMUS means PEOPLE VICTOR, or conqueror of the people. And it so happened that he was also "a RULER of the Jews."

God CALLED OUT Abram from among the Chaldeans; much later He CALLED OUT from Egypt the seed of Abraham. And so we find the apostle writing about the "ECCLESIA in the wilderness:" that is, the 'CALLED OUT' people. That is, they were CALLED OUT by God. Our 'ecclesiastic' word stems from the Greek Eklesia. Now observe, in contrast thereto, the sect of the Pharisees came into being thru volitional separation on the part of the individual (s). Thus we have the two groups: the CALLED OUT BY GOD and the self-separated ones. THESE ANSWER TO THE PRESENT SPIRIT-BORN CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST and (2) THE ORGANIZ-ED CHURCH BY MAN. The first is a spiritual organism; the latter is a purely man-made organism. The first may function thru the second, yet there is a sharp distinction. The chief difference rests in the fact that one has been called BY GOD, while the second is self-appointed.

THE LATTER WAS TYPIFIED BY 'NICODEMUS'. HE WAS THE SYMBOL OF THE ORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - WHI-CH IS'A CONQUEROR OF THE PEOPLE'!

He was A RULER among the Jews. Forget not that our Christian church came out of the Jewish synagogue. Neither forget howJames - the blood brother of Jesus - became therevered FUNCTIONAL HEAD of the early Jerusalem Church. That church was A HYBRID: mostly Judaism and partly Christian.

Nicodemus the RULER of the Jews or the 'populace-victor' typified

this hybrid structure as it was about to come into being and run its course thru the ages.

Observe: He recognized that JESUS HAD COME FROM GOD! (Make no mistake about it, ALL the Pharisees recognized that! See Mtt 21:38) Similarly does the EARTHLY ORGANISM known as our Christian church (recognize that Jesus was of God). "THE SAME CAME TO JESUS BY NIGHT."

Have I not reminded you time and again that Jesus foretold that that I'NIGHT would come when no one could work"? A NIGHT of "a great horror of darkness!" (Gen 15:12)..... So the Lord chose to show us by drama - speaking to all ages - that a God-fearing, SELF-appointed conclave of men; destined to 'conquer' and to 'rule over the people'; would recognize HIS DIVINITY (or Divine Mission) from the outset, and would COME TO HIM BY NIGHT! That is, thruout this long night of spiritual darkness they would skulk about and draw near to Him in the flesh. "Came to Him by night" implies, or forecasts, a long drawn-out process.

The conversation between the two reveals that Nicodemus was "a spiritual nitwit." He drew a rebuke from our Lord: YOU A TEACHER IN ISRAEL, YET KNOW NOT THESE THINGS!

Rapidly now approaches the daybreak when the True LICHT shall again reveal the same. That is , LIGHT (Jesus) shall reveal the fact that the modern hybrid organism - known as the Christian Church -has taken 'the night' to approach unto Him, YET KNOW NOT ANYTHING - aside from the basic recognition that JESUS CAME FROM GOD! Even as Nicodemus was ignorant of the fact that one MUST BE BORN AGAIN, so similarly is the organized ChristianChurch of today. MEMBERSHIP, and a respectable life conforming to the Christian code, is all they know. THIS, together with a promise of pie in the sky has 'conquered the people'! (Observe, this 'pie in the sky' was also taught by the Pharisees. The Messiah was to come - momentarily - and, by Divine power, would set aright the world with the Jews in the saddle.) The organized church is blissfully ignorant of the NEW BIRTH required to even SEE the Kingdom of God. And ignorant are they that of SOUL AND OF SPIRIT must one be born again in order to become a member of God's Kingdom. To cover up their ignorance and apathy, they teach that ALL of that takes place when formally joining the church.

BUT GOD HAS SPOKEN (in drama): CHILDREN OF THE DARKNESS (pointedly including 'Nicodemus') FEAR THE LIGHT, LEST

THE LIGHT reveals THE EVIL NATURE OF THEIR WORKS! AND YOU - TEACHER(s) IN ISRAEL KNOW NOT THESE THINGS!

In word, by deed and in drama did our blessed Lord reveal this sorry fact to us that NIGHT would come and "while men SLEPT the enemy would sow the counterfeit seed! And snoring are they still!

Yet now to put the SEAL OF AUTHORITY to my words, that God did choose this episode to SPEAK TO US (as a warning to AWAK-EN and come into the LIGHT), let me take you to Jhn 19:30-40:

- \* "And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first c a m e
- st to Jesus by night, and brot a mixture of myrrh and aloes, a-
- \* bout an hundred pound weight...Then took they the body of
- \* Jesus and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the
- \* manner of the Jews is to bury."

Observe: MYRRH was used in EMBALMING, or the PRESER - VATION OF THE EARTHLY BODY. ALOES was a spice of FRA-GRANCE....The "hundred pounds" spoken of was based on the Roman LIBRA, being a 20-shekel weight. Therefore  $100 \times 20 = 2000.$ 

But observe, it was <u>ABOUT</u> that weight. (The 100 Libras would approximate 72 pounds avoirdupois.)

AND THAT WAS THE PORPHECY! That the self-appointed conquerors of the people would surround the person of our Lord with much fragrance, and carefully preserve the EARTHLY BODY thruout a period of ABOUT 2000 years!

Dearly beloved, REJOICE! The dismal night of great horror shall soon yield its stygian blackness to THE ARISING SUN; vanishing into the mists of yesteryear - to be remembered no more. Even many now have the good fortune of rejoicing in the approaching glow from the high shooting rays — spilling over the horizon.

My dear friend TGC of Baltimore concluded a recent letter by saying:

"Re the trinity -----. However see Isaiah 9:6 where Christ is called five names, one of which is The Everlasting Father. That would back a theory that God the Father and Christ the Son are one Spirit. What is your answer to that?"

First we should observe that "His name shall be called -----."

Were it a matter of transcendant importance, then we should distinguish between what "His name SHALL BE CALLED" (by men) in contrast to what HIS NAME IS (as declared by God.) However, in spite of this sobering that, we must observe that the statement refers to the passage of time during which He shall come to have those names. So we may rightfully suppose that there will be REAL FOUNDATION for such names.

Secondly, in this and numerous other instances, we should not overlook the <u>latitude</u> accorded the word "father." Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David were all called "father" hundreds and thousands of years later. To this we can also add THE SENSE OF <u>VENERATION</u> in which it was commonly used. To this referred our Lord when He strictly FORBADE HIS FOLLOWERS TO THUS CALL ANY MAN "FATHER" ON EARTH! (I still continue to gasp in amazemnet at the brass of one church which insists that its priest be labelled "father"! But let me hasten to add for the rest of you who do not belong to that church: YOURS IS NOT ONE WHIT BETTER! The <u>only</u> distinction God draws between them is in MOTHER and DAUGHTERS, plus the longer time in which the mother has plied her sorcery and adulteries.)

Now for the clearcut answer to Is. 9:6: IT NEEDS NO EXPLANATION NOR INTERPRETATION; MERELY ACCEPT IT AS FACT!

Both John and Paul were very emphatic that THE GREAT SPIRIT INCARNATING, AND KNOWN AS "THE SON", HAD CREATED ALL THINGS, AND WITHOUT HIMHAD NOTHING COME INTO BEING! And the old prophets like Zechariah were very emphatic that it were to be none other than YAHWEH IN PERSON who should be weighed for 30 of silver and be pierced. And surely all of the prophets agree that YAHWEH WAS THE CREATOR. Space would here run short to enumerate the countless passages where Yahweh is termed the Creator, as well as the Father of Israel, and they His children!

Wherefore, that Jesus should be named the "everlasting Father" is only right and proper, for, indeed He was and is just that. 'Twas Yahweh who brot forth the entirety of creation; 'twas He who spoke forth the multitudinous waves of SPIRIT CHILDREN dwelling in temples of human flesh today. "Twas none but the Yahweh Spirit who was the SON of the Father. The "SON" is our "Father" and also our savior.....(It might be well for most of you to reread the treatise on "God" sent you long ago.

(Anyone not having received a copy may requisition one. No charge to students.)

It is even like unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (which indeed reveal the Truth by type)....Observe: None of the Israelites ever saw ABRAHAM; he was not in flesh when the first was born. But ALL the sons of Jacob saw ISAAC ("in Isaac shall thy seed be called.") Tell me now: Should the descendants of Jacob call Abraham their father, or should they call Isaac their father? (That question is more important than you think!)

Observe: It has been and still is common for Jewry to refer to their "father Abraham", but how seldom there is any reference to their "FATHER Isaac"! Yet by Scripture they were commanded to consider ISAAC as their father ("in ISAAC shall thy seed be called" or NAMED).

Whereby we observe that Christendom has followed the pattern set by Jewry. That is, they think of and refer to THE BEGETTOR OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON as "FATHER", while the only begotton Son who is the factual father, is seldom - if ever - referred to as such! (TABERNACLE students who have looked into the mystery of the SPIRIT-BIRTH - or NEW birth - of the Christian, and understand the function played by the Holy spirit - typified by Jacob - should have no difficulty in fully understanding and appreciating the fact of JACOB begetting the 12 Patriarchs, instead of it being Isaac. "After the FLESH" Jacob placed the seed; similarly does the Holy Spirit insofar as the flesh is concerned BUT THE LIFE COMES FROM JESUS. Wherefore, in ISAAC was the seed to be named!)

Which reminds me more about words. In the Greek we find the Son as the "ONE-begotten" rather than the "ONLY begotten." Perhaps we should not split hairs over this. It is true that the Greek "monogenās" can properly be rendered ONLY - begotten yet it is not literally, neither factually correct. Remember, IS-AAC portrayed Christ. Isaac was Abraham's ONE-begotten son, but assuredly not his ONLY son! To better understand this, remember His word: "the twain shall be ONE flesh." Wherefore it was but Isaac who was the "ONE"-begotten whose mother was Abraham's true wife. Hence the "ONE-begotten" but assuredly not the ONLY begotten!

#### "STUDENT-PROBLEMS" #10

\* \* \* "And ye shall know the Truth, and THE TRUTH SHALL \* \* \* MAKE YOU FREE!" \_ Jesus, John 8:32

People are FILLED WITH THE WORDS OF MEN, and hopped up by man-invented delusions! And today we have a Christendom ill-nourished on the sterilized "milk of the Word", based on a version "translated to man's order"(supposedly the ancient Holy Word!) Therefore does uncertainty, befuddlement, grief and death reign in our midst!

Here I shall not dwell on the opening Scripture as above, but only direct your thot to THREE vital aspects, or applications thereof. First, so many are in uncertainty BECAUSE OF THE WORDS BY WAN - which are so far aside from the Truth. Secondly, have you stopped to reflect on the Lord's answer to Thomas, wherein He identified Himself with the 'TRUTH'? (Jhn 14:6). And finally, have you pondered the awesome portent of His prophetic Word, in that it declares the entirety of His creation is to KNOW Him eventually, thereby being LIBERATED? . . . .

But let us come to the point SPECIFICALLY: I have several letters before me with a peckful of arguments; or perhaps they are but questions. A goodly lot of them are supplied by my Baltimore friend (TGC) who, being a retired business man, has the time to read my writings; the Scripture as well as the writings of others, and, between the lot thereof come forth with a bushel of questions. However, I am not complaining. It is the probing mind which leads to understanding and progress. And indeed, his persistent questioning has led to my writing two booklets, as well as many other paragraphs in these columns.

NOW I see where he is back at me "for ever", altho I had considered the matter settled in the previous treatise. That still is my attitude. However, he has now brot up another passage or two which - perhaps - justifies my giving another page or so to the question. And that "question" could be worded something I i k e this: IS IT NOT FACT THAT THE "UNSAVED" ARE HEADED

### FOR FIERY TORMENT THRU TIME WITHOUT END?

Before I enter into his questions I would like to TALK TO YOU IN PLAIN WORDS AND MAKE MY POSITION CLEAR:

I personally stand four square on the unperishable words of the Lord Jesus Christ, and as backed up by the utterances of the selfsame YAHWEH beforehand thru His selected mouthpieces...... While the words of writer This and apostle That mean little more to me than a tinker's tin whistle! (Do I hear your gasping in consternation? And ready to shout at me:is not 'all Scripture inspired'?) Get the waxy cotton out of your ears, throw away your colored glasses and spew back into the ocean a bunch of the whales you have swallowed. AFTER that is done, perhaps you can discern a portion of Truth!

And one portion of the Truth is: Not so many centuries ago, the "Bible" was a vastly larger book than we have today. It contained numerous books long since thrown out as spurious; not only manifest forgeries but in part abominable: not fit to be read either in or out of church! Furthermore, there still remain portions in our Bibles which dishonor God by claiming them to be of Him. And as to the apostles, I should not be fit to be named a Christian were I to propound a doctrine epistle-BASED but in conflict with the words of ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY! To me the words of YAHWEH -JESUS constitute the FULNESS OF ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY. And IF the words of Paul or Peter or another appear to be in conflict with the TRUTH BY JESUS CHRIST, I will give them the boot with no conscience bothering me! Our clergy of today uses the EPIST LES on which to build their dogma and to explain the words of our Lord. To those without spiritual understanding, this may be the only recourse. But actually, it should be the other way around. So, let us place the horse BEFORE the cart instead of behind! Why extol PAUL and Peter, leaving the Lord asleep forgotten somewhere? How preposterous"! How abominable!... I do not decry the Epistles; they have a proper and worthwhile place in our Scripture....But to snatch at words of Peter or Paul which makes but hot air out of the AGE-ENDURING WORDS OF LIFE BY CHRIST OUR LORD, That I say, is "abominable"! But I am aware how Christendom dithers before every word within the Bible, yet thus it should not be. None less than the honest and humble Paul said: "Now I see AS THRU A GLASS DARKLY." Shall we then take a portion of the gloomy light which filtersthru the stained glass of ancient days and call THAT the fulness of

Truth? Even when that be in open contradiction to the Absolute Authority?

If ALL Scripture ("writings") inspired? HOW STUPID CAN YOU BE? Look back thru the pages of the sacred record and SEPARATE THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF!....Behold from the great prophet Jeremiah: "CURSED be the day wherein I was born. CURSED be the man who brot tidings to my father, ---- And let that man be as the cities which the Lord overthrew----- and let him hear the cry in the morning and the shouting at noontide because he slew me not from the womb!" (But read it all from Jer. 20:14-18).

Is there a man today so empty-headed that he would impute those 5 verses to God Almighty? Even a child will perceive that they were but the personal griefs which a man did voice. less other passages fall precisely into the same category. In fact when Peter wrote the much abused passage about "all Scripture inspired----" he had not the remotest intention that his own words were to thus be construed. He was referring to THE LAW (of Moses) and to THE TESTIMONY (by the ancient prophets) which had been recorded and then in possession by the Levitical Priesthood.......Why should we be such naive hero-worshippers as to suppose that Peter and Paul had come into THE FULNESS TRUTH? TEN years or more after Pentecost, God had to "take Peter in hand" in order to get him to go into a house of a Gentile. And when he returned to Jerusalem, the entire assembly of Christian elders "called him on the carpet", taking him to task over going in to a Gentile! And they were SORE AMAZED that God had granted "salvation unto the Gentiles" !.... They were simple folk, many of them but humble fishermen. How little they knew of the Scripture! (Salvation for the Gentiles is on open display thruout the Old Testament!)

Wherefore, you will here - and elsewhere - understand my NOTTOO-SERIOUS-REGARD for the "espistles", UNLESS THEY ARE BACKED UP BY THE WORDS OF THE CHRIST, OR THE YAHWEH OF OLD. I will build my doctrine on the words of YAHWEH-JESUS. IF any portion of the Epistles differ, THEY must be conditioned to agree with the ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY.

Now for a look at the questions: "I believe Job said the wicked were reserved for destruction---. The Jehova's Witnesses teach just that.----However, see I Thes 5:3, IIThes 1:9; II Ptr

How do we reconcile these passages with 'Every knee shall bend and every tongue shall confess the Lord Jesus Christ'?" (This question is from our friend Thomas G C.)

The references given speak of 'destruction.' Apparently cur friend reasons that if some are to be "destroyed" then EVERY KNEE cannot bow to the Lord......The answer is: I Thes 5:3 refers to sudden destruction here on earth, and it is quite possible that the 2nd Ptr 2:1 refers to the same. But II Thes 1:19 speaks of of the destruction in the Lake of Fire....IF there they are to be "destroyed", how then can their knees bow to Him? - This difficulty arises over the fact that a clear distinction between "body, soul and spirit" has not been grasped. The Christ said clearly that both BODY AND SOUL were to be destroyed in the fire of Gehenna, Therefore said He, BUT FEAR HIM HAS THE POWER TO THUS DESTROY YOU.... And that means TOTAL AND ABSOLUTE DISINTEGRATION (of the body and of the soul). From that terrific loss came Christ to SAVE us! Yet both the Old and New Testament abound with reference to the SPIRIT (in man). This SPIRIT in man is of God. Thus are we His children, for, "God is A SPIRIT." And replete is the Bible with reference to "unclean SPIRITS." Why are they NEVER called unclean SOULS (IF soul and spirit are synonymous terms)?... Manifestly, then, AFTER the consummation of that "eon" during which both soul and body were destroyed, the SPIRIT shall emerge denuded from the Lake of Fire; once more coming into the presence of its Father, to Whom THE KNEE SHALL BOW, imploring an other opportunity to again go forth to build a vestment for itself.....And in that our Lord said that he should not emerge from the prison UNTIL the last farthing had been paid, He stated boldly and unequivocally that the SPIRIT would come forth from the fire AFTER body and soul had been disintegrated (paid the last farthing). Therefore, not for a split moment can any statement-apparently to the contrary - be countenanced.

"We must be consistent - - and should remember we cannot take away from the wicked the right to be in the Lake of Fire 'forever and forever', and at the same time glory in 'eternal salvation' and 'everlasting life' for the believers." (Also by TGC).

Here I suggest to one and all that the booklet "Age-lasting" (Stu. Problems #6) be REread time and again UNTIL it is assimilated and remembered. Substantially, it answers the above..... Over and above that I might add: If you buy a coat guaranteed rain-

PROOF, would you fear that you would get wet in it when NOT raining? Silly? Maybe! But so is also the that the comes if the "eonian life" does not imply TIME WITHOUT END. The spirit IS LIFE and for all time remains such. BODY and SOUL did He speak: that He came to save (from destruction). . . . Bear then in mind what I have told you about the "eons" in the "TRUTH" booklet. It speaks of the sector of eternity wherein God deals with sin: that is, during that while His children are "growing up." IF then, "FAITH in Lamb of God can save both BODY and SOUL (garments) during the era of transgression (SIN which is the seed of disintegration) UN-TIL "death has been overcome", where is our intelligence which can question the continuity of those garments after the seed of disintegration has been destroyed? IF the raincoat keeps you dry during the storm, do you get wet when it is over? (The two questions are parallel.)... BODY and SOUL of the recalcitrant suffer complete disintegration during the "eon" in which God deals with SIN. While during the selfsame "eon" the LIFE-blood of God's Lamb is able to KEEP THOSE GARMENTS FULLY ALIVE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ACCEPTED HIM.

Then TGC points to the Everlasting (Aionios) God of Rom 16:26, and adds: "We could hardly say the Age-lasting God. But we could say The God of the Ages without dishonor to God. But the question is what did God say in the Bible. --- Is there any word that could be translated 'of' to make it'The God of the Ages?"

The "lasting" part of the word I have sometimes used(AGElasting) is not a part of the Greek but rather an added word to make understandable in English. Here I differ sharply with TGC in saying we could hardly speak of the AGElasting God. WHEN we clear -ly understand what God means by the "eons" (periods of time i n which He deals with transgression and error to bring His children unto SONship), I see nothing reflecting on God to speak of Him in words which merely denote that He will endure thruout those ages. But on the other hand, IS THERE A WORD (there) MEANS "OF"?.... Yes and no! The Greeks have no such word! But they have 'cases,' far more numerous than we have in ENGLISH. That is, a noun may have 24 different endings. Even their little 'article' "THE" has 24 different forms, but with 8 of them repetitions that leaves a net count of 17 different ways in which it (the) is written! (How I love Greek!!!!) Now for a factual consideration of the Greek passage in question:

"kat epitagan TOU ATONIOU THEOU (according to the commandment of the everlasting God) = A. V. (Rom 16:26).

You will observe I have placed "of the" under TOU. But actually, TOU is our article "the", but in its masculine POSSES-SIVE case... But observe again: "Theos" is God, while above you find "Theou. THAT again is the possessive case for the mas culine. That is, it IS THE EQUIVALENT of our "of": And since the TheoU is in its possessive form, both the adjective and article preceding ARE CHANGED to agree with the noun. . . . . Thus the three words (Capitalized above) are all in the possessive case...... Altho I find different translations rendering it of the eonian God", yet we would be equally right to say "according to the commandment of THE GOD OF THE AGES." For, the "OU" ending above is equal to our "of." Even more literally:"-the age's God."

Most Christians have looked forward to the second coming of Christ and thot of it as being the same time as the rapture of the Church. ---- Please see II Ptr 3:10 which indicates that the Heavens will pass away on that day. I had been under the impression that it is after the 1000 years of peace that there will come the new Heavens and earth."

A careful study of Revelation chapters 20 and 21, show us unmistakeably that at some time AFTER the GREAT WHITE THRONE Judgment, and AFTER the 1000 years (or more) of PEACE, the elements will be on fire. Thereafter (TIME indefinite) there will be NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH... While the passage in 2nd Ptr alludes clearly to the anticipated return of the Messiah. Altho Peter does not link the two events in just that many words, it is difficult to avoid the connection... My answer is that it had not been given Peter to understand that there were MANY SIGNS in the consummating plan of God. He bunched them together. (This is an instance where the PART-light of the apostle must be set aside for the FULL TRUTH as given by direct and amazing revelation to John many years later.)

Re "Pantote": I had said that I knew of no Greek word for ever-lasting. Yet later pointed to PANTOTE in Thes 4:17 as its equivalent. Now TGC wonders if Pantote is found in other passages? Yes! Far too numerous to mention (here)! Pantote is A COM-POUND word. "Pan" is Greek for All. From it we have such